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THURSDAY EVENING.

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BIGGEST WHEAT CROP ON RECORD NOW INDICATED

Government Places Latest Estimate at 1,002,029,000 bu.

No Country Has Ever Raised BIG Such a Bumper Crop.

CORN YIELD IS ALSO GREAT

Figures Show Crop Will Exceed City Engineer and Fire Chief Three Million Bushels.

Hay Better Than Last Year; BIG JOISTS END TO Potato Crop Is Short.

Washington, Oct. 7.—A billion bushel wheat crop, the greatest ever grown in any country, has been pro-duced in the United States this year.

The Estimates.

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normal, compared with 62.7 last Auditorium is month and 53.5, the ten-year average. consideration.

Rehearing of Kansas Natural Gas Is Requested.

Receivers Would Raise Price at Kansas Points.

was entitled to a just compensation for its service. The utilities commission had indicated that under certain conditions it would order a 28 cent rate. Then Judge Flannelly took hold of the case and ordered a 30 cent rate. The supreme court set aside the Flannelly order and declared that the utilities commission's order was no order at ommission's order was no order at

ANOTHER TROPICAL STORM SWEEPS UP GULF COAST

Washington, Oct. 7.—Another tropical storm appeared to be approaching the gulf coast today, according to weather bureau reports. Storm warnings were ordered displayed from Mobile to Cedar Keys. Hadio reports indicated a well defined disturbance in the central gulf of Mexico.

Floor of Topeka Auditorium in Danger of Collapse.

Report on Danger.

Spans Need Strengthening at Once Is Recommendation.

duced in the United States this year. The government's preliminary estimate of the great crop made today, placed it at 1,002,029,000 bushels or 111,000,000 bushels larger than the record crop of 1912.

The corn crop, now approaching maturity, is estimated at 3,026,159,000 bushels, or 98,000,000 bushels less than the record.

The estimates and forecasts, together with the forecasts made from the September 1 canvass and statistics of last year's crop production, follows:

The Estimates.

Boilers of Heating Plant Are

Out of Commission.

The floor of the city auditorium is in danger of collapsing. In the opinion of A. R. Young, city engineer, and Joseph Hanlon, chief of the fire department, its condition is not safe.

"Should the first floor be loaded to its capacity, there would be very great danger of its giving way and tetting

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bushels, compared with 25.8 last year, and 25.9 the 1909-13 average.
Oats—Indicated yield, 37.8 bushels, compared with 29.7 last year and 39.6, the 1909-13 average.
Barley—Indicated yield, 32 bushels compared with 25.8 last year and 24.3, the 1909-13 average.

Buckly bear Condition \$1.9 per cent.

the 1909-13 average.

Buckwheat—Condition, 81.9 per cent of a normal, compared with \$8.6 last month, and \$1.9, the ten-year average; indicated yield, 20.9 bushels, compared with 21.3 last year and 20.5, the 1909-13 average.

The Potato Crop.

White Potatoes—Condition, 74.6 per cent of a normal, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average; indicated acre yield, 98.2 bushels, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average; indicated acre yield, 98.2 bushels, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average; indicated acre yield, 98.2 bushels, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average; indicated acre yield, 98.2 bushels, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average; indicated acre yield, 98.2 bushels, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average; indicated acre yield, 98.2 bushels, compared with \$2.7 the ten-year average.

Auditorium is also a matter receiving consideration.

"This is up to the state," said Joseph Hanlon. "A state law says how such buildings must be equipped. There should be a fire exit serving the center of the gallery, and other safety equipment is needed. I have called the attention of L. J. Hussey, state fire marshal, to the matter, and I understand an inspection has been made, but I do not know what report.

Paris, Oct. 7.—A new kind of gas apparently is being used by the Germans in the fighting in the Champagne. Details regarding its effect were given Dr. Lucien Dumont by sufferers he was called to attend in Paris hospitals.

hospitals.

According to the written statements of three men who fought respectively at Souace, Suippes and Moranville, they were surrounded for a few seconds mortgage bond holders, whom the receivers declared were left in the cold by the commission's findings. The receivers also ask that the creditor's agreement be observed and that the rate for natural gas be increased to 37 cents a thousand feet. The application for a rehearing of the gas care is signed by John M. Landon and R. S. Litchfield ar receivers. Names of Stone & McDermott of Topeka; T. S. Salathiel, Independence, appear as autorneys for the petitioners.

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teers in Topek Today.

in Joyous Convention.

Went to War.

Captain Boltwood Rode on Other Kansas Towns Will Copy May Save Thousands Annually Horseback From Ottawa.

The members of the Twentieth Kansas association began pouring into Topeka this morning from all parts of the state. Before nightfall it is expected that 100 or more men from the fighting regiment will be in Topeka for the annual reunion.

There was no business transacted this morning. The visitors were mere-



Capt. Clad Hamilton, an active figure in the Twentieth Kansas reunion

*Indicates preliminary estimate.

Comparisons of the October indications with the September forecast show the change in bushels in crop prospects as effected by weather and other conditions during September.

Details of each crop, other than total production—as announced by the depar as:

Sp. —Indicated acre yield, 17.9 — pared with 11.8 last year and 25.9 the 1909-13 average.

Outs—Indicated acre yield, 27.7 bushels, compared with 25.8 last year, and 25.9 the 1909-13 average.

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The "fighters" will be given a trolley car joy ride Friday morning. Follow-

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City and Railway Companies Come to Agreement.

\$100,000 Structure Will Be of Reinforced Concrete.

Dean Whitehouse, who plays at the Kansas farmers are optimists," said Wagner. "If they were not they would not be Kansas farmers—espe-

beiner that another report would be useless and Porter had to insist upon 193.8 hast year and 92.7, the 1999-13 average.

Plax—Condition, 84.5 per cent of a normal, compared with \$1.5 last year, and 192.5 last anormal, earned with \$2.5 last anormal, earned with \$2.5 last instruction. Compared with \$2.5 last instruction. Compared with \$2.5 last anormal, earned with \$2.5 last instruction. Compared with \$2.5 last inst

if any, has been turned in."

the position that since they are to build the viaduct, that it should be done as quickly as possible, and that as they are to maintain it after it is constructed that a good, substantial affair should be built.

Application for a rehearing of the gas rate case was filed with the public utilities commission late this afternoon by receivers for the Kansas Natural Gas company. In their application the receivers ask for a 37 centrate at all points in Kansas north of Independence.

The petition for a rehearing is filed as a result of the supreme court decision stating that the gas company was entitled to a just compensation for The conference was held in the of- generations must combat. and C. W. Keuns, general masager, represented the Santa Fe, and Thom-

MRS. SMITH DIES

One Hundred Kansas Volun- Child Hygiene Conditions in Kansas State Association Com-Topeka Found Unusually Good. mittee in Topeka Today.

Members of Famous Regiment Third Day of Baby Show Under Rural Credit Law Provisions a Topic Under Discussion.

Among Kansas Financiers.

in Big Premiums.

bankers, officers and members of the

State Bankers' association, are in To-peka today to discuss rural credit leg-

islation. Sentiment among the money

lenders was divided as to the merits

of such legislation as affecting Kansas

farmers and an investigation of the

plan will be continued by a special

Walter L. Payne of Burlingame, chairgating Rural Credit legislation Since last spring the Kansas bank ers have been studying the rural credit plan. In June the executive committee appointed a special committee to investigate the policy of rural cred-

its under state or federal enactments. Walter E. Payne of Burlingame, chairman of the committee, today filed a langthy report coveying details of proposed legislation and operations of credit laws in foreign countries. He also suggested in his report that provision might be made under certain

conditions that would enable Kansas hanks to establish rural credit depart-ments and solve the problem of credit be farmers who desire to own their

West Unfavorable.

Western Kansas bankers did not look on the rural credit plan with favor, however. Otis L. Benton of Oberlin, and John E. Wagner of Larned both opposed the plan. They did not believe in the policy of long time loans, asserting that Kansas farmers would not accept them.

"Kansas farmers are optimists,"

ample assistance for any worthy

I will sell him a section of land by the payment of one-half of his mon-

"Your committee is egolistical enough to believe that with time we could formulate a plan for use in this state," said Payne in his report. "This plan would be of great good and would permit the renter and the ambitious young man just starting on his life work to renduce a farm and home.

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Slump in Market Retrieved in

New Deal.

Substantial Gains.

hree points at the outset. Bethlehem steel was again the fore-

BOYS ARE BECOMING GRAY CONTESTS CLOSE TOMORROW PROVIDE BANKING INSURANCE

More Than 17 Years Since They More Than a Hundred Babies Incorporate Own Company Have Been Examined.

Big Topeka Show.

This Afternoon, 2:45, selection, Miss Katherine Dr. C. F. Menninger, "All for the Bables." Dr. Sara E. Greenfield, "Raising Quarantine in Diphtheria." Dr. Edith M. Twiss, "Biological Ap-proach in Sex Education," Evening at 8:00.
Will Kelley, secretary Comme

club, chairman.
Organ recital, Miss Goldie Smith.
Mrs. Howard N. Rhodes, president
Good Government club, "The Club
Woman, the Mother and the Child."
Prof. Raymond A. Schwegler, University of Kansas, "The Shadow of Yesterdny" Organ selection, Prof. Horace White-house, denn department of music, Washburn college, Moving pictures,

Encouraged by the success of the big Topeka baby show, officials of the Kansas state board of health and hygione bureau announce that a reproduction of the affair will be given in practically every city in the state. An-other show will be given in Topeka next year. This year's contest will of-ficially close tomorrow evening.



The Topeka show is being commended by health and state officials unanimously. "Topekans have never before realized the importance of such a contest," said W. L. Porter,

bitious young man just starting on his life work to produce a farm and home with every assurance that with due dilligence he would become the ownsuch a contest," said W. L. Porter,

Two members of the state associa-

such a contest, said w. L. Forter, city commissioner.

Mothers at the auditorium are being shown their choice of futures for their baoies—the treadmill of disease and failure or the stairway of health.

And not a little of the child's future depends upon the history of the parameters of the same late today as additional members of the rural credit committee to work out a solution of the farm loan law agitation. At the annual meeting of the association, a plan adopted by the executive comand failure or the stairway of health. And not a little of the child's future depends upon the history of the parents, doctors point out. Heredity is one of the strong factors which the experts say the present and future

represented the Santa Fe, and Thomas Doran and Albert Patten were present in behalf of the Topeka Street Railway company.

MRS. SMITH DIES

or the child is being advocated.

Miss Edith Lacey, head of the health nursing association, said this morning: "Give the child simple playthings, simple diets, don't pet it or surround it with too many toys."

Babies' Clothes.

One of the principal faults which the nurses and doctors are finding with mothers is that they dress their babies with too many clothes. "This make them too much of the 'hot house' variety, says Miss Lacey, "and the stock exchange authori-

was chares.

20TH VETS HERE ON A HIGH PLAIN PLAN OF BANKERS **TEUTONIC FORCES BEGIN** DRIVE AGAINST SERVIA

Berlin, Oct. 7.—Large German and Austrian forces have invaded

The German announcement in-dicates the invading movement is in progress along a large part of the boundary between Austria and Serbia. The Danube forms the border from the Rumanian fron-tier to Belgrade, the Save from Belgrade to the northwestern cor-ner of the country, and the Drina ner of the country, and the Drina runs along the western boundary to a point not far north of the Montenegrin line.

Twenty prominent Kansas state Bleacher Line Has Been Formed at Philadelphia Park.

> Moran's Men Get Their Final Workout Today.

KILLIFER MAY NOT

Condition of Phillie Catcher May Keep Him on Bench.

Royal Rooters Have Warblers

sands of baseball fans in this city rushed eagerly for their early morning mail today to learn whether they had been fortunate enough to secure responsible for the results of the results ervations for the world's championship now stands. The wedding was the games between the Philadelphia Na- first public wedding ever held in To-

COPE GORDON DIES

Well Known Topekan Loses in Brave Fight With Death.

For Five Days He Was in an Unconscious Condition.

STARTED HOTEL HERE IN 1863

Veteran Host Was Known in Every Section of Country.

A Party in First Public Wedding in Kansas.

With the passing of Col. J. Copeland Gordon, 84 years old and pioneer Kansan, Topeka loses one of her most interesting and well liked citizens. Colonel Gordon died today at 3:10 o'clock in his rooms at 902 Kansas avenue. Diabetes and a complication were given by physicians as the cause

of his death. He became iti shortiy after returning from California recently and for the past ten days his condition was very serious. He became tower and lower each day until his death. Members of his family were at his bedside when the end came. ORIT CO LCORDON HOLD FOR

First Public Wedding. to Sing for Sox.

Colonel Gordon's career as a beniface in Topeka was almost co-extensive with the history of the city itself.

He came to Topeka in 1854 from Rushford, Albeghany county, New York, when he was been been selected.



Photo by Willard

"Cope" Gordon, Well Known Topekan, Who Died Today.

Bleacher Line Formed. Although the first game will not be played until tomorrow afternoon and erall store in a house which was be opened until 10 o'clock on the morning of the game, the lineup for the 7,600 seats in that section which begun yesterday by several men boys was augmented during the

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President's Engagement Overshadows State Questions.

Announcement Surprises All Except His Intimates.

Washington, Oct. 7 .- Congratulations came from officials, diplomats, Speculative War Shares Show friends and relatives, of President Wilson today following announcement of his engagement to Mrs. Norman Galt, of Washington. The fact that the president of the United States, on New York, Oct. 7.—Yesterday's whom the eyes of the world have freturbulent reaction in prices on the quently been focused in the last few stock market was burgely retrieved in

a result of the cautionary kinds.

The news came as a surplus to the stock exchange authorities. Many of the more speculative war shares showed gains of one to for Mrs. Gait had developed into an other presents at the outset.

The news came as a surplus to board of agriculture suggests that the fundamental properties of the Kansas corn crop will be late this year, J. C. Mohler, the presented marriage. That

Friday fair with rising temperature. (Continued on Page 2.)

have been found good. Adenoids, enlarged tonsils, improper feeding and impure air have been the principal setbacks for the youngsters, discovered by the doctors and nurses.

Scoring Today.

Scoring began again this morning at 10 o'clock. The following experts were in charge: Mrs. H. B. Lautz, developmental and mental; Drs. C. F. Menninger and A. H. Marsnall, physical; Dr. George Allen, eye, ear, nose and throat and Dr. W. A. Coston, dental an rence. Colonel Gordon took a claim just south of the town. In March of that year he came to Topeka and short time afterwards opened a genuated at Second and Monroe streets.

Started a Hotel in 1863.

In 1863 Colonel Gordon began the hotel business in which he became famous, became well known over the entire state, and received the title of "Colonel," Colonel Gordon's first hostelry was in a building which had stood for some time previous on the present site of the Federal building, Fire came a few years later and destroyed this bilding. In the mean-time Mr. Gordon put up a building where the Hotel Throop now stands. This hotel was known as the Gordon House and was one of the most popular of early Topeka hotels and held a position as the leading hostelry for many years. It was rebuilt in 1877 and was sold in 1881 to J. J. Burtis, of Davenport, Ia., who afterwards sold the hotel to H. P. Throop.

Opened Copeland in 1883. After disposing of the Gordon House, Colonel Gordon built the Cope-land hotel at Ninth and Kansas ave-nue, which burned in 1998. The Copeland was opened in January. \$83, with Governor and Mrs. George W. Glick and two children as the first guests. It was at the Copeland that

(Continued on Page 4.) CORN HARVEST

Information received by the state "Late planting has had s

Bethlehem steel was again the foremost feature, an initial quotation of 409 representing an overnight gain of the president was known, however, in official and society circles, because record by eight points. Later the stock ascended to 424.

Sales in the first hour were 400,000 chargs.

Weather Forecast for Kansas, Fair, with a heavy frost tonight; Friday fair with rising temperature.

Intimacy that presaged marriage. That we cretary, amounced today.

"Late planting has had something to do with the late harvest." Mr. Mohler said. and because of the protonged wet weather some time is necessary before the corn will be dry enough to be picked and cribbined. Most of the corn in the state should be manually that presaged marriage. That we cretary, amounced today.

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